varieties of fruits and vegetables for processing, introduction of improved agronomic practices, introduction of new post-harvest technologies for better storage and distribution and linking R&D to the needs of market and industry. This is expected to result in better yield of crops and consequently higher income to the farmers. The manufacture of potato-based products and fruit-based soft drinks will ensure increased off-take of fruit and vegetable and also benefit the farmers.

Formulation of New Food Processing Schemes

1275. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any new food processing scheme;

(b) if, so, what are the salient features of this scheme; and

(c) what are the places identified for opening of the food processing centres and on what basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) A project is being worked out for integrated production and export of meat.

Import of Milk Products

1276. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large quantities of milk solid both gifts and commercial continue to be imported despite promise of zero import by 1985;

(b) what is the year-wise imports of milk solids during the last three years and how these were distributed; and

(c) whether it is a fact that bulk of imported milk solids were issued to Mother Dairy, Delhi and Calcutta and other Dairies run directly by NDDB and if so, the details of actual allocation, year-wise and Dairy-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) There has been no promise of zero import of dairy commodities by 1985. The gift commodities received from the European Economic Community are meant for fund generation and for maintaining a buffer stock operation under Operation Flood Programme. The share of import in the country's total throughput (in terms of total solids) has declined from roughly 15.4% in 1970-71 to less than 5% in 1987-88.

(b) The year-wise imports of milk solids and also issues to the dairy plants during the last 3 years from 1986-87 to 1988-89 (upto December, 1988) are given in the statement. *(see below).*

(c) The details of issues of dairy commodities to the dairies in Calcutta and Delhi for re-combination purposes are given at Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 68].

Statement

Details of Import of Skimmed milk Powder, whole milk powder, butter oil and white butter on gift and commercial basis and issues to the dairy plants for recombination during 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 (upto December, 1988).

Quantity in Metric Tonnes

year	Skimmed Milk Powder	Whole Milk Powder	Butter Oil	White Butter
Imports (Provisional)				
1986-87	5879	10	344	800
1987-88	38005		18336	6059
1988-89 (Up to December, 1988)	28172		NIL	5162
Issues (For Recombination Purposes)				
1986-87	35782	2870	3499	4112
1987-88	38106	—	7351	3401
1988-89 (Upto December, 1988)	28609	—	4362	4189